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Arizona Refugee Resettlement Quarterly Meeting

March 2017



FFY 2017

Refugee Arrival Summary

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National Arrival Updates

- 38,225 refugee arrivals as of March 23, 2017
- 42,725 refugee arrivals expected by the end of April
- Arrivals mainly from DRC, Syria, Iraq,
 Somalia, Burma, Ukraine, Bhutan, Iran and
 Afghanistan



Year-to-Date Arrivals - Top Five Countries

MARICOPA COUNTY				
Country	Total	Grand Total		
DRC	430			
Cuba	289			
Iraq	247	1,300		
Somalia	170			
Syria	164			

Year-to-Date Arrivals - Top Five Countries

PIMA COUNTY			
Country	Total	Grand Total	
DRC	181		
Somalia	86		
Syria	54	385	
Iraq	35		
Ethiopia	29		



Arizona Total Year-to-Date Arrivals

Maricopa 1,622

Pima <u>481</u>

Total Arrivals 2,103



Standing Updates: Refugee Health

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Standing Updates: Refugee Health Screening

Maricopa County Refugee Health Statistics November 1, 2016 - February 28, 2017

- Scheduled for Domestic Medical Screening: 1,810
- Completed Domestic Medical Screening: 1,721
- Completed within 30 Days: 753
- Referred to Behavioral Health Services: 18

Standing Updates: Refugee Health Screening

Pima County Refugee Health Statistics November 1, 2016 - February 28, 2017

- Scheduled for Domestic Medical Screening: 486
- Completed Domestic Medical Screening: 478
- Completed within 30 Days: 13
- Referred to Behavioral Health Services: 19

Refugee Health Promotion Updates

Adjustment Support Groups

- **»** 3 completed in November-January within school settings
- **»** 4 currently within school settings starting
- » 2 current women's group
- **»** 4 future groups

Behavioral Health Request for Grant Applications

Provider Training and Provider Outreach

Catholic Community Services Tucson

Arrivals and Employment trends

Quarterly Meeting March 28, 2017

Arrival Trends

Arrivals Dec. 16 - Feb. 17: 63

- Secondary Migrants: 2
 - Cuban Entrants: 3

FY 17 YTD Arrivals: 112



CCS Top Five Countries

Country	Total
Democratic Republic of Congo	19
Iraq	16
Somalia	12
Central African Republic	10
Cameroon	1

CCS Employment Statistics Dec. 2016 - Feb. 2017

Assistance	MG	Refugee Program (RP)			
Туре		RCA	TANF	NC	
Employable Caseload	17	4	8		
Employed	10	3	5		
Average Hourly Wage	\$10.85		\$11.00		
90 day retention	100%		100%		
180 Day Employment	100%		N/A		



Employment Trends

Employment in environmental services at hospitals

 10 people were hired for seasonal positions at distributions centers for box stores

Caregiver positions



Employment Program Updates

Activities

10 Employment Orientations

Contact with 10 new employers

3 people obtained Care
Giving Certificates along with
CPR/First Aid

Employment Support
Provided

- All employable clients have an individual employment mentor and are receiving in-home:
 - English practice
 - Application Assistance



Employment Program Development

 Presentation to 30 social work students at Pima Community College

- Supported 5 new employers in working with Refugee workforce:
 - Benefits
 - Tax forms
 - Language information







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IRC Arrival Trends

Arrivals:

From Oct 1, 2016 – March 1, 2017:

195 Refugee Arrivals

(this is 86% of our revised total CPP of 227 arrivals for FY17).

Africa: 154

Near East/South Asia: 41

East Asia: 0



IRC Arrival Trends

Arrivals:

From December 1, 2016 – March 1, 2017:

75 Refugee Arrivals

Africa: 91

Near East/South Asia: 35



FY17 IRC Arrival Trends

Demographics:

- Somalia 45
- Congo 25
- Syria 19
- Iraq 14
- Burundi 8
- Eritrea 7
- Chad 5
- Iran 2 (Lautenberg program)
- Senegal 1



IRC Tucson Employment Statistics December 1, 2016-February 28, 2017

Assistance	MG	Ref	^f ugee Program (RP)
Type	IVIO	RCA	TANF	NC
Employable	21	6	24	7
Caseload	21	0	24	,
Employed	18	3	15	7
Average	\$9.89		\$10.82	
Hourly Wage			\$10.02	
90-Day			720/	
Retention	84%	72%		
180-Day				
Employment	91%		N/A	



IRC Employment Trends

- Received outpouring of support from employers since the issuance of the Executive Order temporarily halting refugee resettlement.
- Exceptionally high motivation among Somali mothers (both TANF and TPEP) to find employment and to achieve early self-sufficiency. Over half (57%) of placements among this population was client-initiated.
- Despite ongoing efforts to diversify our employer base, the overwhelming majority (87%) of placements fell within the highly seasonal Hospitality sector.



TAG-D Program

- TAG-D Services Coordinator was hired in January to work with clients from all three VOLAGs. Coordinator is housed at the IRC.
- Total enrolled from January 1st-February 28th: Six (6)*
- All six (6) participants are employed as of March 15th
- Severe physical, mental and behavioral health barriers to employment have proven the most challenging.

^{*12} enrolled year-to-date



Nutrition Education

- All incoming families receive grocery store orientation within the first week of arrival to learn how to navigate an American grocery store, read ingredients and nutrition labels, buy healthy foods.
- Engage population through our Community Health Promoter who speaks the same language or Nutrition and Food Security Intern with an interpreter.
- 41 households served fiscal year 17
- 126 households served FY16.



Garden Program



- 35 Families enrolled in gardening program
- 3 workshops per season
- Conducting Micro Producer Academy in the summer to train clients on how to prepare as a incomegenerating farmer
- 1 community event per month open to public



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Farmer's Market Orientation

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Women, Infants, Children (WIC)



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INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT (ICM)

GOAL FOR FY 2017: 116

CURRENTLY ENROLLED: 55

ASSISTANCE WITH 211 MEDICAL

APPOINMENTS:

Appointments with specialists 145

Appointments with PCP's 66



Community Outreach/Interaction

- TESOL-Center Refugee 101
- Peace Corps Fair- Tabling event
- U of A Office of Global Initiatives Speaking Engagement
- OLLI Institute
- Women's Council of Realtors
- OGI- 7.5 Minutes Around the World Event- Refugee 101
- Short speech at UA Talent Show benefiting IRC
- Yoga Oasis Thanksgiving Day Speech



- Refugee 101 at YWCA
- IRC Tabling event at Loews Ventana Canyon
- Female Storyteller Fundraiser for IRC- Speaking engagement
- Green Valley Rotary Club- Refugee 101
- Marana Health Center- Refugee 101
- College of Nursing- Refugee 101
- TESOL-Center Refugee 101
- Peace Corps Fair- Tabling event



Citizenship Fair



Saturday, March 25 10am-5pm

In grateful recognition of: State Representative Daniel Hernandez, Office of Congressman O'Halleran, State Senator Andrea Dalessandro, USCIS, BV Law Firm, YWCA, Alan G. Bennett, Immigration Attorney, Law Firm, Phil & Alma Williams.

















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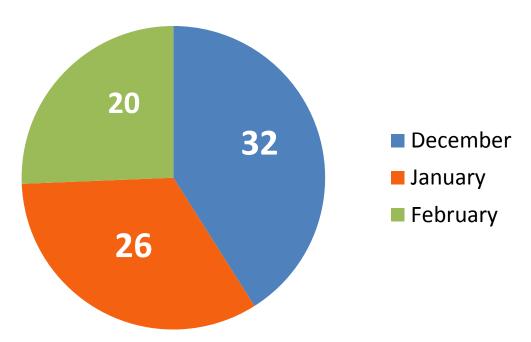
Resettlement and Employment Trends December 2016 – February 2017





Refugee Focus Arrival Trends

December 2016 – February 2017 *78 Arrivals*



CHALLENGES: Executive Order disruptions required frequent changes to apartment complex agreements, increased housing dislocations and compressed timelines for pre-arrival apartment set-ups and community co-sponsorship.

Arrival Trends Continued

Demographics

- **Arrived:** Afghanistan (SIV), Bhutan, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Ethiopia, Somalia, Syria
- **Assured:** Iraq (SIV) (Family of 6), Ethiopia (3 singles)

FFY17 Arrivals

Original

Revised

Remaining

420

210

15





Refugee Focus Tucson Employment Dec 2016 – Feb 2017

Assistance	MG	Refugee Program (RP)		
Type		RCA	TANF	NC
Employable Caseload	55	24	16	2
Employed	103	0	8	1
Average Hourly Wage	\$10.00	\$10.00		
90-Day		92%		
Retention				
180-Day Employment	100%	NOTE: All but 13 refugees across all three RP categories arrived in this reporting period		
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RF Employment Trends

- Hospitality and Customer Services
- Manufacturing and Warehouses
- Retail, Food & Beverage, Ethnic Restaurants
- Airport Security
- Others (includes janitorial, garden supply, bakery)





Childcare Solutions VISTA

- 16 out of 32 women trained are pursuing in-home childcare certification.
- (Application process presents significant barriers.)

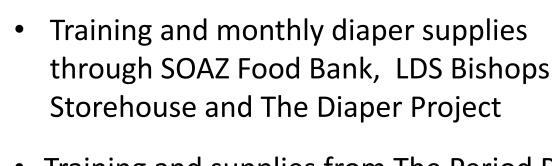




3 out of 8 babysitting certification class participants ready for jobs.

Women Empowerment Program

 10 clients involved in start-up Sewing Program. Already received 9 donated machines, a large volume of fabric and volunteer time





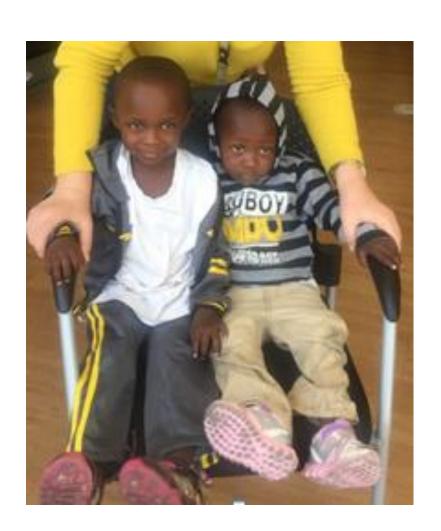


Strengthened In-House Child-minding

 Expanded on-call childminding volunteer team

 Improved children's spaces in our lobby, office and courtyard









Public Consultation

March 28, 2017

Murphy-Wilmot Library

Tucson, Arizona

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 Refugee Education Program has been contracted by AZ RRP to provide English Language Training to refugees resettled in Pima County since 1978.





- 551 clients served from October 2016 January 2017
- 11 Classes at 2 locations
- 8 instructors
- 3 AmeriCorps Volunteers
- 5 Community Volunteers





- 238 Adult Emergent Readers
- 162 Low Beginning Students
- 81 High Beginning Students
- 70 Intermediate Students





- All instructors have a MA in a related field
- Monthly professional development
- Research and presentations- TESOL, AZTESOL, LESLLA, NCTE
- Hosting the premier community wide Refugee 101 on April 27, 2017
- National Adult Education Honors Society



 Partnered with Literacy Connects and the Second Language Acquisition and Teaching program at the U of A to develop a training for community volunteers and new instructors



Education (RSIG) Updates December 2016 – February 2017

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Refugee Student Numbers (Estimated)

- Amphitheater: 250+ students
- Tucson Unified: 1,050+ students
- Flowing Wells: 7 students
- Sunnyside Unified:

Student Experience Highlights

- Sports activities on school campuses & through CENTER
- Outdoor adventures with Ironwood Tree Experience (ITE), Sierra Club's ICO (Inspiring Connections Outdoors), and Arizona Trails
- Field trips to the University of Arizona with classroom teachers and CENTER volunteers

Leadership & Career Development

- Health Careers Club & College Club Activities
- FAFSA workshops & help with Pima and other college applications
- Assistance with applications to Summer Youth Employment Program
- Red Cross Babysitter Training
- Bright Futures Youth 2 Youth Program with La Frontera at CENTER

Academic Updates

Increased online course activity

• Increased demands for homework help at CENTER, especially with content studies in math, science, history, and English Language Arts

School Coordination & Community Needs

- Increased requests for resources and best practices to serve refugee students
- Leadership changes in TUSD, increased need for support within district and from community
- Parents seeking reassurance that students are safe and supported in schools
- Older high school students needing additional supports and program options to complete their studies and earn a diploma or GED

Health Concerns & Education

- Ashley Brock, Education Specialist Teacher
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 - O Diamond Children's Hospital, Banner UMC
- Ashley is working to ensure students have IEPs, 504s, and other supports as needed when there are chronic health conditions such as sickle cell anemia, diabetes, etc.
- Team meeting in March to look at immunization concerns (as related to delayed medical screenings)

Behavioral Health Interventions

- Pilot substance abuse prevention program in partnership with La Frontera this spring
- Currently planning and developing a partnership for a well-being pilot program with teens, Sarah Holliday from IRC leading
- Extracurricular participation increases integration and socio-emotional, physical, and academic well-being; creating & promoting these opportunities

Looking Ahead

- Recruiting teachers and other school staff to fill open positions
- Stabilizing programs & looking for ways to expand and build upon what exists in schools/districts
- Documenting what is working to share with schools & community partners for replication or inspiration
- Implementing AZ RRP Strategic Plan

Meetings for Stakeholders

- Monthly K12 Refugee Education Meetings
 - Every third Thursday at CENTER from 5-7pm
- Monthly Interagency/Interdistrict Meetings
 - Every first Tuesday from 9-11am at various agency/district locations throughout Tucson
- Community/School Interpreter Meetings
 - o Monthly in fall semester; as requested this spring

Thank you!

 Please connect to sign up for the education newsletter and/or to share any questions, resources, networks, and ideas:

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Services to Older Refugees Program

Services Available

- ELT and Citizenship Preparation
- SSI Assistance
- Medical-related Assistance
- Citizenship Application Assistance
- Volunteer/Client Partnerships
- Socialization and Nutrition Programs
- Employment Assistance
- Volunteering



Current Caseload

 66 senior refugees as of February 2017 6 clients received assistance or were referred for citizenship application

 45 clients are in ELT and Citizenship preparation



Demographic Data

• Female: 35

• Age 60-64: 16

• Male: 21

• Age 65+: 50

Ethnic Origin

Bhutanese: 15 Syrian: 4

Congolese: 11 Other: 27*

Sudanese: 9



Current Activities

- Re-evaluation of the program
 - Decrease in some ethnic group numbers
- Outreach with ethnic and religious groups to connect clients to the program
 - Increase in citizenship application referrals
 - Increase in client referrals
- Seniors volunteering at Iskashitaa
- Seniors received new bikes



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RRP AMERICORPS VISTA PROJECT

MARCH 2017

VISTA HIGHLIGHTS: THE HOLIDAY ANGEL PROJECT

225 volunteers880 hours505 refugees200 comforters

250 strollers
300 baby
blankets
300 towels
...and more!!!



VISTA HIGHLIGHTS: MLK DAY OF SERVICE

10 VISTA Members45+ Refugee Youth45+ Gift Bags

English Games
Arts and Crafts
Sports
Apartment Cleanup







VISTA HIGHLIGHTS: IMPACT STORY



Debe Campbell and Gil Alvidrez

AmeriCorps famous!



